

WHEREAS, agriculture plays a vital role in Colorado's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Proud program inspires local school districts to incorporate local ingredients into their menus by connecting them with Colorado producers and chefs; and

WHEREAS, eating healthy and wholesome foods provides Colorado's schoolchildren with improved health and the best chance to succeed in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Colorado school districts provide nutritious and delicious meals to encourage better fitness and sensible eating decisions in their students, which has been proven to reduce the occurrence of chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Proud educates tomorrow's leaders about the significance of Colorado agriculture and the role it plays in a healthy lifestyle;

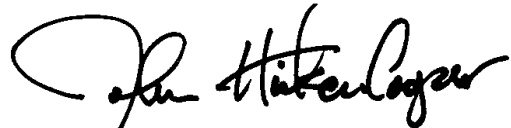
Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, September 30, 2015, as

COLORADO PROUD SCHOOL MEAL DAY

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this thirtieth day of September, 2015


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor